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INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN COMPLETES COMMERCIAL AIR AGREEMENT WITH NEPAL

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1. FOLLOWING SIGNING OF AN AIR AGREEMENT LAST JUNE 17, 1974 BY PAKISTAN AND NEPAL WHICH PROVIDED FOR AIR SERVICE BETWEEN KARACHI AND KATHMANDU, A 3-MEMBER ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES DELEGATION ARRIVED IN KARACHI ON SEPT 17 FOR NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL MATTERS TO IMPLEMENT THE JUNE 17 ACCORD.

2. ACCORDING TO A SENIOR PIA OFFICIAL, TALKS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR THE LAST 3 DAYS BETWEEN THE RNA DELEGATION AND PIA CONCERNING THE TERMS UNDER WHICH RNA WOULD BE PERMITTED TO FLY WEST OF KARACHI TO TEHRAN. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN REACHED WITH RNA ON MATTERS WHICH MAY INCLUDE REVENUE POOLING WHICH PIA PREFERS TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL. RNA NOW INTENDS TO COMMENCE FLIGHTS FROM KATHMANDU TO KARACHI AND TEHRAN IN DECEMBER 1974 VIA INDIA, WHILE PIA WILL COMMENCE FLIGHTS TO

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KATHMANDU WHEN IT AGAIN ACHIEVES RIGHTS FOR OVERFLYING INDIA

TERRITORY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS ANNOUNCED AT RECENT INDO-PAK TALKS IN ISLAMABAD (SEE ISLAMABAD 8803 NOTAL).

3. KARACHI PRESS CLAIMS THAT, FOLLOWING SIGNATURE OF THE AIR AGREEMENT WITH NEPAL LAST JUNE, INDIA HAD OFFERED NEPAL AN EXTENSION OF RNA SERVICE BEYOND NEW DELHI TO BOMBAY "ONLY TO PLACE IMPEDIMENTS IN THE WAY OF THE PAKISTAN-NEPAL AIR AGREEMENT."
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